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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as shown on the following pages. Material inserted is indicated by underlining (insertion) and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~deletion~~).

8. (Currently Amended) A composite material of substantially uniform density and being substantially free of cavities, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a base material comprising a metal, non-metal or a compound thereof, and dispersed therein carbon as a dispersion material ~~at least one metal, non-metal or a compound thereof, which is~~ different from that of the base material, said composite material made by a method comprising (i) evaporating the metal, non-metal or compound thereof of the base material and the ~~metal, non-metal or compound thereof of the~~ carbon dispersion material either simultaneously or alternately to obtain evaporated particles; (ii) and depositing the evaporated particles on a substrate to form the composite material.
9. (Original) The composite material according to claim 8, characterized in that the base material is aluminum ~~and the dispersion material is carbon.~~
10. (Previously Presented) The composite material of claim 8, wherein said composite material is in a bulk form.

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11. (Previously Presented) The composite material of claim 8, wherein the dispersion material is homogeneously dispersed in the base material.
 12. (Previously Presented) The composite material of claim 8, wherein the dispersion material and the base material are deposited simultaneously.